

(b) if so, details of the proposal; and

(c) the time limit for implementing the proposal?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):** (a) to (c) The emission standards for asbestos fibre from asbestos based products manufacturing industries have already been notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. The list of pollutants with respective emission limits is given in the Statement (See below). These standards are implemented by the respective State Pollution Control Boards/U.T. Pollution Control Committees in their area of jurisdiction.

### **Statement**

#### *List of pollutants with emission limits*

Industry	Pollutants	Emission Limit
All types of asbestos manufacturing units (including all processes involving the use of asbestos)	Pure asbestos material	0.2 fibre*/cc
	Total Dust	2 mg/Nm <sup>3</sup>

\*Fibre of length more than 5 micrometer and diameter less than 3 micrometre with an aspect ratio of 3 or more.

### **FDA and JFMC in Assam**

**483. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA:** Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Forest Development Agency and Joint Forest Management Committee operating in Assam and funds sanctioned to them for the revival of degraded forest in the last three years;

(b) the progress made by F.D.As and J.F.F.M.Cs and status of fund implementation, year-wise; and

(c) the present policy to revive the degraded forest within Bodoland Territorial Area Districts (BTAD) area under the foothills of Bhutan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme for regeneration of degraded forests lands and adjoining areas through two-tier decentralized structure of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the Forest Division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at the village level in the country, including in Assam. During the last three years (2003-04 to 2005-06), 29 FDA projects in Assam have been approved at the total cost of Rs. 37.37 crores to treat an area of 26,955 hectares through 547 JFMCs. An amount of Rs. 19.07 crores has been released during last 3 years. Year wise funds released and utilized are as follows:—

Years	Amount Released (Rs. in Crores)	Amount Utilised (Rs. in Crores)
2003-04	5.58	4.72
2004-05	7.99	6.34
2005-06	5.50	7.75
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>19.07</b>	<b>18.81</b>

(c) Regeneration of forests in the degraded areas within Bodoland Territorial Area Districts under the foothills of Bhutan is being undertaken under different schemes, including Compensatory Afforestation, Plantation under Revolving Fund, Plan Schemes of State Government and NAP Scheme.

### **Report on climate change**

484. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report on climate change;